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This looks good.

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All,
Final DRAFT (minus quote from the MT Governor). Will wait for the Gov quote, then launch. If you have any last comments, let me know ASAP.

EPA and parties reach conceptional settlement framework for final cleanup actions at Anaconda Smelter Superfund site in Montana

DENVER – On July 28, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the State of Montana, Anaconda Deer Lodge County, and the Atlantic Richfield Company reached a conceptual settlement framework that addresses final cleanup actions at the Anaconda Smelter Superfund site and thereby provides the potential for significant benefits to the local community. The process by which the settlement framework was negotiated is substantially similar to that followed by Atlantic Richfield, EPA, the State and Butte Silver Bow County on the Butte Superfund site.

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“This agreement secures a clear path forward for achieving final cleanup actions and a post-Superfund future for the people of Anaconda,” **said EPA Regional Administrator Doug Benevento**. “We will now work diligently with our partners to begin finalizing and sharing details about the agreement and complete all necessary Superfund actions in the community.”

“Working under EPA oversight for many years, we have made tremendous progress in cleaning up historic mining and smelting waste in the Anaconda area. We believe this agreement provides a clear path forward for finishing the job, with additional benefits to the community,” said **Patricia Gallery, Vice President of Atlantic Richfield Company**. “We look forward to continuing to work with the EPA, State of Montana and the leadership of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to make this happen.”

“My gratitude and respect go out to all principals involved in the negotiations. The time and resources spent to achieve a conceptual settlement framework was immense,” said **Terry Vermeire, Chairman, ADLC Commission**. “I know all the members of our team believe we reached an agreement that is in the best interest of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County.”

EPA and Anaconda Deer Lodge County will host a public meeting on Tuesday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Anaconda High School Little Theater to present next steps in developing a consent decree and sharing information with the public.

Details of the conceptual settlement framework are currently subject to a confidentiality order. EPA and the State will work quickly to seek Court approval to make the terms of the conceptual agreement public. Under the framework, the parties will begin negotiating and drafting a consent decree and other documents that would be a binding cleanup agreement. If the parties succeed in that effort, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on such a decree before it becomes final and on any modifications to EPA’s remedial action decision documents.

For more information on the Anaconda Area Superfund site
visit: <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/CurSites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0800403&msspp=meda>

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Best regards,

Andrew

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